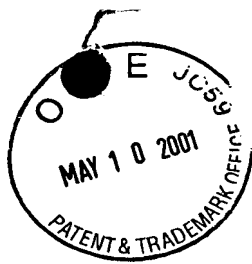


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Applicant therefore respectfully submits that the claims of Applicant's above-referenced patent application are patentably distinguishable from these references.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), Applicant believes that this Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first office action in this case. Therefore, Applicant believes that no fee is due. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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